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We send copies of the STANDARD this week to many persons who are not subscribers, with the hope that they may be pleased with the paper and send us the subscription price, \$1 per annum. The STANDARD is the only weekly agricultural paper published in the State. It is a plain country paper, intended more for usefulness than for show, with clear, easy print that children and old people can read with ease. We think the paper when carefully examined, will recommend itself, and soon become a welcome visitor to every one to whom we may send it for examination. We would be glad to send a few sample copies to any person who may desire to see it, and would thank our friends for the names of such.

Communications.

More About Manure.

To the Standard:

The excrement and urine of hogs are very superior manures. Therefore if a farmer has twenty hogs to fatten, he ought to fence off four acres, plow deep, and fatten his hogs on it. Perhaps the cheapest portable fence he could have might be made thus: Have scantlings sawed 2x3 inches and six feet long, sawed of any kind of hard wood. This is for your posts. Saw poplar, chestnut or any other soft, light timber, into laths two inches wide and three-quarters thick and eight or nine feet long for the slats. Sharpen the posts and leave one foot to go into the ground. Then nail on your slats and brace like a gate. Make the holes with a large drill shod with iron and drive into the ground. Feed as nearly over all the enclosure as possible. The loose earth will absorb and hold all the manure. If the land gets hard from tramping during the fattening process, plow again. Perhaps some one will object that it will get too muddy. This is not likely, as hogs should be fattened in the early fall when there is very little rain, because it is now known that one-half the corn will fatten them in the mild weather in the early fall that will be required to fatten them in the severe, wet weather of December and January; and the best and sweetest bacon is made by killing in November.

Let me predict the results. Land that before produced one ton of clover hay, 20 bushels of corn, or 8 bushels of wheat to the acre, will, after this treatment, make three tons of clover hay, 50 bushels of corn, or 20 bushels of wheat to the acre. If this process costs a little labor and attention, it pays ten times for the labor. Is that not enough? And if your land was before worth \$20 per acre, after that it is well worth \$60; for after this with the same labor the farmer makes three times as much, and the product is much better, and by a judicious rotation of crops with deep tillage, the fertility thus gained will last many years if not indefinitely.

A barrel of water per day must be hauled to them. Then, don't fatten your hogs near a branch or pond and lose all this valuable manure.

E. L. GARDENHIRE.

From Cross Roads.

To the Standard.

In making my report this week, I find no more worthy item than the close of Prof. L. P. Evan's school at Bluff Springs on the 13th inst., with examination during the day, and at night declamations, recitations and compositions. The exercises were well attended both day and night, and the ladies deserve much praise for the beautiful table spread during the day. In the contest between the red and the blue, the prize was awarded to the blue, the reds acquitting themselves nobly. At the close Prof. Clark ad-

ressed the audience. He was followed by County Superintendent Sam O'Neal with an eloquent address on the importance of education. The exercises were interspersed with excellent music by the Collins River String Band. After a farewell address by the teacher all went home fully impressed with the importance of good schools. It is unnecessary to say anything in regard to Mr. Evan's standing as a teacher. He is known as one of the best in the county.

Work at the Falls is still progressing. Two two-story buildings are going up. Making of brick and digging out the foundation of the new cotton factory going on rapidly.

J. M. Walker is at the head of a company to get a steam saw mill at the Falls.

J. H. T.

Cross Roads, July 18.

From Chalybeate.

To the Standard.

Crops of all kinds are now looking well in this section. Corn is small, but has a fine color. The range on the mountain is good, and cattle here are doing well.

J. M. B.

Chalybeate, July 10.

From Irving College.

To the Standard.

Some of our farmers are very busy threshing wheat and laying by corn. The yield of wheat will be light. The corn crop is good.

Our clever merchants, J. J. Meadows & Co., are having a good trade this week.

Mr. John Carson was married to Miss Amanda Hobbs recently, R. Smartt, Esq., officiating. We wish them happiness.

A FRIEND.

Vagrancy.

To the Standard:

We have an excellent law against vagrancy. We also have a good Mayor and policeman, and still we have almost daily crowds of big, healthy, loud-talking negroes (and sometimes whites) lounging around the corners of Ross' and Ritchey's stores, and other parts of town, to the utter discomfort and repugnance of all decent and industrious people. They congregate so as to nearly obstruct passing, and indulge in vulgarity, cursing and mock fighting, rendering it unsafe for our women and children to pass that way. You cannot get one of them to work for you half the time at good wages. As a business man of this town, having some regard for the morals and prosperity of our community, I say let them rest elsewhere.

CITIZEN.

McMinnville, July 18.

From Daylight.

To the Standard.

We have been having rains for the last week which has greatly revived the growing crops. Most of the farmers are done laying by corn, which looks rather small.

Farmers are now engaged in threshing their wheat, which is both inferior in quantity and quality.

Most of the public schools in this part of the county begin to-day. The directors have as yet failed to employ a teacher for one of our schools.

Mr. Frank Brown, of Texas, is on a visit to his father's family here.

Elder E. C. Preston, of Woodbury, will preach at Pleasant Grove next Sunday.

John W. Towles, for some months a citizen of Daylight, will move to his farm on Mountain Creek in a few days. We regret to lose the Captain from among us.

Mr. John G. Brown, who has been very low with fever is fast recovering.

On Thursday night, July 5th, Mrs. Fannie Marler, wife of Wm. Marler, died of consumption, after a lingering illness of several months. She leaves a husband and child and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

Died Friday morning, July 6th, Mrs. J. G. Brown. For many years

she was a member of the Methodist church. Her death is deeply deplored by her many friends.

We are glad to note that the STANDARD is fast growing in popularity in our community. The enlargement is an improvement which will be greatly appreciated by its many readers.

Daylight, July 16.

JIM.

Immigration.

Nashville Banner.

The Baltimore Manufacturers' Record notices a growing disposition on the part of the southern people to develop immigration, and declares that before our agricultural resources can be properly developed there must be an improvement in the matter of labor.

The Record makes the truthful assertion that "as yet comparatively little has been done at the south to turn the tide of immigration that way. The foreign steamship lines to the Atlantic ports and the trunk railroads have combined for years to develop the emigration fever among Europeans, and having done this, then to paint in glowing colors the riches of the western states, so that when the foreigner pays his passage it is for a through ticket direct to some point already selected in the west, and if the southern states desire immigration they must adopt the same policy. They must thoroughly advertise their section and its advantages and resources with a liberal hand throughout the United States and Europe. The railroads must combine with steamship lines to help on the good work, and then after a year or two of persistent efforts in this direction we will begin to see results that will open up a new order of things for the agricultural interests of the south."

The idea expressed by the Record is by no means new, but it is nevertheless the key to the solution of the problem. The Banner has repeatedly urged the southern states to employ responsible agents at different ports to show emigrants that the south is the best section for them in every respect. It is well enough to widely distribute hand-books, etc., but there is nothing like personal solicitation.

Tennessee at Louisville.

The Nashville World has the following to say of Commissioner McWhirter and the exhibit he will make of Tennessee products at Louisville:

He has been remarkably fortunate in securing space in a most desirable part of the exposition building at Louisville. The space secured is No. 22 of the plan, and is 94x24 feet and situated at the Park-street entrance. It will be neatly enclosed with railing, and occupied with tables arranged for the display of specimens. The various classes of coal and ores will be tastefully displayed in grottoes, while in the center of the space will be placed the Swiss pavilion, which the commissioner claims will eclipse the famous pavilion used by Cleopatra in her reception to Marc Antony on her visit to Italy.

The roof of this beautiful cottage will be thatched with sheafs of wheat, oats, barley, rye, millet, and, in fact all the cereals. Pyramids will be erected with glass cases in which all the grains and seed of all kinds will be exhibited.

The display of building stones and ornamental marbles will be unsurpassed. Two counties alone in this state will make a better exhibit of marble and building stone than any state in the Union. One county alone sends forty-two different specimens.

The commissioner has been assured by a marble dealer in East Tennessee that if machinery could be devised for the raising and handling of the shaft, he could take from his quarry a solid block of marble one hundred and fifty feet in length. This is twice the length of the famous needle of Cleopatra, now in central park, New York.

Capt. McWhirter is exceedingly anxious for the farmers to wake up to

the importance of this exposition, and at once prepare choice specimens of the products of the farm, gardens, and orchards and send them to the Louisville exposition, care of C. E. Merrill, agent of the bureau of agriculture, etc.

"The facts are," says the commissioner, "I have been absolutely astonished at the possibility of the state; her wealth is enormous, and only requires the application of capital and energy to develop it."

Hon. Daniel Bond, of Brownsville, land and emigration agent for the Louisville and Nashville railroad, is taking a large interest in having the products of Haywood county properly displayed at the Louisville exposition. Haywood will, perhaps, make the finest exhibit of any county in the state. Col. Bond is a whole team of himself.

The Farmers Association.

Nashville Banner.

The constitution and by-laws by which the Middle Tennessee Farmers' Association is to be governed have been published and are now being extensively circulated throughout the division. The documents are ably framed, and by their conciseness will be read by every farmer. The main points set forth are the purposes for which the organization is intended, and the simplest, yet most effective rules for insuring success. It is a lamentable fact, yet a true one that representatives of the greatest industry in the land (agriculture) have for so long a time lived and worked inharmoniously, and without understanding, when the very reverse is the only mode by which to succeed. National legislation is and has been carried on without their voice being heard; railroads, commission merchants, and, in fact, every class of industry which depends solely upon agriculture for success, have had the advantage of legislation (and often to the farmers' disadvantage,) while the simple tiller of the soil has been ignored. The establishing of farmers' associations is the only sovereign remedy to these evils, and the plan adopted by the projectors of the one for Middle Tennessee are fully aware of the necessities of its members. From every county a vice-president has been selected, thereby assuring a sub-organization, which will through its president, be represented at the general meetings as a unit. At these meetings the experiences of the farmers will be made known, and from the essence extracted and added to the records of similar experiences in other counties, and which will form a volume invaluable as reference. The labor question will receive its due attention, and through a uniform code of conditions and prices, placed upon a basis which in the future will make farm products more certain than at present. Imposters selling seeds, fertilizers, farming implements, or any articles pertaining to farming, will be found out and exposed. Economy in experimenting will be secured by the transmission (by means of the association) of the results of such made in any portion of the division. By a combination of the farmers transportation will be reduced, new enterprises encouraged, and, above all, the farmers themselves will be brought together as a brotherhood, friendly relations engendered, and a desire to co-operate in their enterprises aroused, thus cultivating a social intercourse, which can but result in good. To prevent opposition to the popularity of the association the framers of the constitution wisely inserted the clause, that the intentions of the association were in no way to antagonize certain industries, or to act as a unit to break down any such, or to introduce politics into their discussions. It is to be purely what its name indicates, an organization for promoting the agricultural resources of the state, bring about more harmony among the farmers, and be the source from which to diffuse the knowledge and experience of the entire membership, as gained by

study and experiment throughout the division.

Col. B. F. Cockrill, the president of the association, is in earnest about pushing forward its interests, and if the farmers themselves will only throw aside their lethargy, prejudice and indifference to the general welfare, and join in heart and hand in the good work, the grandest results may be looked forward to.

Beatty's New Organ Factory.

The largest shipment of organs and pianofortes for any one month was accomplished by Mayor Beatty during the month of June.

Nearly two thousand instruments were made and shipped to all parts of the world. So great is the demand for Beatty's organs and pianofortes that Mr. Beatty is compelled to erect another factory, which, including the old buildings, will occupy, when completed, nearly eight acres of space, in which over three thousand instruments can be made every twenty-six working days. Read his advertisement.

DIED

ROBERSON.—J. H. Roberson, for many years clerk of the county court of Warren county, died at his home in the country Monday night, July 16th, 1883, after a protracted illness of several weeks.

Mr. Roberson had been for some time in feeble health, and finally took flux, which assumed typhoid form, from which, his constitution being enfeebled, he could not recover. Mr. Roberson was one of our best citizens, a consistent member of the Baptist church, and had many friends in the county. At home he was universally beloved by all his neighbors, to many of whom he had been a faithful friend in time of need. He held the office of county court clerk, both as principal and deputy, for many years, always discharging the duties thereof with strict fidelity and to the satisfaction of the people. He was competent and faithful.

He leaves a wife and children and many warm friends to mourn his death. His remains were deposited in the family burying ground at Hopewell church with services at the grave Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

ELAM.—Mr. R. Elam died at his home in this place Monday morning, 16th inst., after an illness of but a few days. He had allowed his bowels to become constipated, having had no action for five or six days, and continued to work on in the spoke and handle factory until Saturday evening before his death Monday. Mr. Elam was a consistent member of the Christian church, a good christian man and citizen. He leaves a wife and children and many friends to mourn his loss. His remains were deposited in the family burying ground in the country Tuesday morning.

Persons subject to constipation should not allow their bowels to remain inactive so long. It is dangerous.

And so beside the silent sea
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm can come from Him to me
On ocean or on shore.
I know not where His islands lift
Their fringed palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

From one hundred and ten to one hundred and fifteen car loads of Georgia watermelons have passed through the city per day for the last several days, enroute to Cincinnati, Louisville, and other points East.—Nashville World.

Teacher: "In the sentence, 'Mary loves John,' what does 'John' agree with?" Bright scholar: "With Mary." Teacher: "With Mary? How do you make that out?" Bright scholar: "'Cause Mary Wouldn't love him if he didn't agree with her."—Child's Grammar.